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Report Highlights:

On November 12, 2006, Turkey published a new Agricultural Quarantine Regulation to revise the old one in the Official Gazette. The revisions are indicated in this report. Seed industry representatives have not raised a concern, however, wood chips importers raised a concern indicating that the amendment requiring that the humidity level be below 20 percent would create some problems for imports. The Turkish Wood and Wood Products Association will formally request that the government drop this requirement.

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Turkey published a new Agriculture Quarantine Regulation in the Official Gazette on November 12, 2006. This Regulation amends some parts of the old Regulation that was published in the Official Gazette on July 6, 2003.

The revisions were made in Article 16 and in Appendixes I and III. The changes are indicated in detail below and highlighted in bold and in italics.

Seed industry representatives have not raised any concern. Wood chip importers, however, indicated that the amendment that requires the humidity levels be reduced to 20 percent would create some problems for them. This change is made in subparagraph b) of the chips section of Paragraph 1 of Appendix III. The Wood and Wood Products Association will formally request that the government drop this requirement.

**REGULATION FOR REVISIONS AND AMENDMENTS ON
AGRICULTURE QUARANTINE REGULATION
(November 12, 2006)**

Article 1- There is a revision in the second sentence of the last paragraph of Article 16 of the old Regulation.

Old Form: Within two days following a decision to return, the return form given in Annex IX of this Regulation informs the official phytosanitary service of the sender country.

New Form: Within two days following a decision to return ***and/or destroy***, the return form given in Annex IX of this Regulation informs the official phytosanitary service of the sender country.

Article 2- Some sections of Appendix-I were rearranged by this Regulation.

Section A: Harmful Organisms That Are Not Known to Exist in Turkey and That Constitute a Barrier for Imports

1. ***Synchytrium endobioticum from the Fungi Section of the old Regulation was taken out of this section and moved to Section B*** (see below).
2. ***The last sentence of the Viruses, Virus like Organisms and Viroids Section of Appendix 1 was re-arranged to emphasize "viruses and virus like organisms that are not originating in Europe."***

Section B: Harmful Organisms that are Limited in Turkey and That Constitute a Barrier for Imports

1. ***Synchytrium endobioticum was included in the Fungi Section.***

Article 3- Paragraphs 1,2, 3,14,39, 40, 52, and 60 of the Special Requirements for Importation of Plants and Plant Products Section of Annex-III were revised and paragraph 37 of the same section was deleted. See below for details.

Paragraph 1- Gymnosperms (Conifers)

Wood Chips a)

Old Form: They should be produced from wood that has been fumigated or stripped of its bark.

New Form: They should be produced from wood that has been fumigated or stripped of its bark ***and it should be indicated in the phytosanitary certificate that it was produced from timber with the humidity below 20 percent of dry matter.***

Wood Chips b)

Old Form: They should be carried in protected containers so as to prevent contamination by harmful organisms from the environment.

New Form: They should be carried ***in sealed or*** protected containers so as to prevent contamination by harmful organisms from the environment.

Paragraph 2- Angiosperms (broad leaves, deciduous or not)

Wood: The first sentence on wood is revised as follows:

Old Form: Industrial wood, stumps and roots should be fumigated.

New Form: Industrial wood, stumps and roots should be fumigated ***or should be stripped of its bark.***

Wood Chips a)

Old Form: Their barks should have been stripped; or they should be fumigated or they should have undergone kiln-dried up to below 20 percent moisture content.

New Form: ***They should be produced from wood whose barks should have been stripped;*** or they should be fumigated or they should have undergone kiln-dried up to below 20 percent moisture content.

Wood Chips b)

Old Form: The product should be carried in sealed containers or in a way to prevent contamination of harmful organisms.

New Form: The product should be carried ***in protected or*** sealed containers so that contamination by harmful organisms from the environment should be prevented.

Paragraph 3- Plants intended for planting other than seeds *Populus* spp. (poplar) and *Salix* spp. (willow) plants

Subparagraph a) was removed. It referred to "the symptoms to be indicated in the phytosanitary certificate related to *Cryptorhynchus lapathi*, *Melanophila picta*, and *Saperda carcharias*"

Paragraph 14- In production area of planting materials, other than seeds

The following statement was added: "For all varieties: All virus and virus like organisms that are not originated in Europe"

It should be indicated in the phytosanitary certificate that no symptom of diseases were caused by these harmful organisms that have been observed at the production place since the beginning of the last vegetation period.

Paragraph 37: was deleted.

This paragraph was in reference to Gladiolus (gladiolus) plants and it stated that these plants should be free from Uromyces transversalis. It was removed.

Paragraph 39- Allium spp. Plants

Two harmful organisms were deleted from the list.

Old Form: It should be indicated in the phytosanitary certificate that no indication of disease caused by *Ditlenchus dipsaci*, *Urocystis cepulae*, *Ustilago allii*, and *Sclerotium cepivorum* have been observed in the production area since the beginning of the vegetation period.

New Form: It should be indicated in the phytosanitary certificate that no indication of disease caused by ***Ditlenchus dipsaci and Sclerotium cepivorum*** have been observed in the production area since the beginning of the vegetation period.

Paragraph 40- Gossypium spp. (cotton) seeds

At the end of the paragraph, it adds that ***the "import of lint cotton is forbidden."***

Paragraph 52- Perennial herbaceous plants

Regarding plants intended for planting, other than seeds, which are originating in third countries other than the European and Mediterranean countries, ***the new regulation does not include "Liriomyza brassicae" as a harmful organism.***

Paragraph 60- Oryza sativa (paddy) seeds

Subparagraph of b) was deleted. This statement that "the seeds have been found to be free from *Trogoderma granarium* as a result of an appropriate nematological test" was deleted.

Article 4- This regulation will be effective on January 10, 2007.

Article 5- The Minister of Agriculture and Rural Affairs will enforce this regulation.